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## Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers return from Afghanistan

**LANSING, MICH.** -- Following a 12-month tour of duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, more than 200 Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers from the Wyoming-based 126th Cavalry Squadron will return home to Michigan on Friday, Oct. 19.

While in Afghanistan the squadron completed a variety of missions based on the needs of the theatre commander. Though the unit is headquartered in Wyoming, it has units located in Cadillac, Manistee and Dowagiac.

The ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. for Headquarters and Delta Troop and 11 a.m. for Alpha Troop on Oct. 19 at Caledonia High School, 9050 Kraft Ave SE, Caledonia.

Today, more than 1,700 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe in support of the global war on terrorism. However, as the Michigan Guard serves the nation abroad, more than 95 percent of the force is available, trained and ready to respond to a state emergency, including a terrorist event.

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